



Emerson-Williams PTO
 Virtual Meeting Minutes for
 Thursday, March 11, 2021

Attendees

Anderson, Rebecca	Carvalho, Stephanie	Root, Elisa	Sczezpanski, Anna
Smith, Shana	Thakur, Neela	Williams, Leslie	

Welcome

Rebecca Anderson/Leslie Williams

Call to order at 7:03pm.

- Rebecca welcomed everyone to the PTO meeting.
- Rebecca mentioned the loss in the E-W family and read the obituary for Jude Exantus.
- Rebecca discussed how it has been almost 1 year since the shut down and asked the Members to take a moment of reflection for those lost over the last year.
- Leslie indicated that the PTO documents were posted in the chat feature for everyone’s review.

Secretary’s Report

Stephanie Carvalho

- Stephanie asked for everyone to review the minutes from 02/18/2021 meeting.
- Approval of 02/18/2021 meeting minutes motioned by Elisa and Leslie.
- Stephanie read three notes of appreciation from Ms. Woods, Ms. Kardys and Ms. Clermont.
- Stephanie read a letter from Sally Dastoli for WPS Heros that was sent to Rebecca and Leslie.
- Stephanie read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. George regarding the teacher fund.

Treasurer’s Report

Rebecca Anderson

- The current PTO bank balance is \$15,298.86.
- Waiting on some transactions to clear.
- Money going out was the insurance payment, teacher fund gifts, Wish List, GoFundMe for Exantus memorial college fund for their children, and staff breakfast bonanza coffee k-cups.
- There was a deposit in the amount of \$100 from an employer matching program.

Principal's Remarks**Neela Thakur**

- Neela reported that there have not really been any positive cases in a long time until tonight. Two positive student cases from the same household and are siblings. Neela will be quarantining 41 children and 4 staff who will be out of school for 10 days.
- Neela welcomed the community back to 4 days a week and things are beginning to feel more normal. The staff is happy to have the children back in school. Everyone continues to adhere to safety policies.
- There are two teachers with 100% in person learners.
- The staff feel better as they are on the road to vaccinations. A lot have received the first dose and are working on getting the second dose. There are a few that will be fully vaccinated as of 3/19/2021 as they received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and will be considered fully immune.

PTO Liaison**Elisa Root**

- Ms. Root offered thanks on behalf of the staff for the Monday Breakfast and the Teacher's gifts.
- There was a wellness survey for the staff asking them which activity was meaningful. The activity that was #2 for the staff was the Community Parent Lunch and PTO Snack Bar.
- Trimester ends on 3/11/2021.
- Report cards go out on 3/19/2021.
- Conferences are on 3/23/2021 & 3/25/2021 and both these days are early dismissal days.
- Good Friday is on 4/2/2021 and there is no school.
- Spring break is 4/12/2021 - 4/16/2021.
- After spring break the plan is to have lunch outside as much as possible and students are recommended to bring in a towel or blanket.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Budget Committee – EWPTO which includes the Secretary, Treasurer, Presidents and at least two additional PTO Members. Meeting 4/19/2021 at 7pm – virtually and if needed on 5/4/2021 at 7pm. If interested in joining the committee email treasurer@ewpto.com.
- Nominations Committee – need to fill positions by 5/1/2021. If no one volunteers, the 2nd Year President will appoint individuals to the positions.
- No old business.

Committee Reports:**Boon Supply****Stephanie Carvalho**

- Fundraiser will be running from 3/22/2021 - 4/5/2021.

Cheer**Rebecca Anderson**

- Breakfast Bonanza- The EWPTO will be participating and will contribute up to \$70.
- Sent a sympathy card to the Exantus family and made \$50 donation to memorial college fund for their children, all of whom are E-W students/alumni.

Butter Braids/Lyman Pies/Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies**Rebecca Anderson**

- Goal (budget) \$200; this is a correction from last month when the goal was listed as \$2000.
- Profit of \$527 which was 263% over the goal.

Munson's Chocolates**Leslie Williams**

- Orders were submitted on 03/04/2021.

- Pick up will be after 3/24/2021.
- Sold approximately \$629 with 16 orders. Profit of \$250.40.

Stop & Shop Bags

Leslie Williams

- EWPTO has been chosen as a recipient for April 2021 (4/1/2021-4/30/2021).
- Bags can be purchased at the Stop & Shop on Jordan Lane. The bags are \$2.50 each and for each bag purchased, \$1 will go to the PTO.
- In addition, if someone purchases a bag at another Stop & Shop store they can take the tag and enter the EWPTO information online.

Open Forum:

- Leslie mentioned that she heard the teachers like the four-day schedule.
- Elisa reported that every teacher feels differently but they love having the kids in the room. The younger children need more hands-on learning.
- Neela has heard both positive and negative. She is happy to have the four days and everyone wants to get back to normal. Online teaching is still difficult for the remote learners. There is a concern of social distancing in the classroom. They are doing the best they can but it is not the 6ft distancing.
- Leslie mentioned that the teachers/staff are very much appreciated.
- Shana was questioning about the quarantine. Neela reported that there is no perfect science. It was realized district wide to err on the side of being safe and to quarantine the entire class at this time.
- Rebecca was asking if the quarantine was expanded to the bus. Neela noted that the students were not bus riders and quarantine was not needed. Typically, the district will look at video footage of the bus to see where the student is seated to determine if they need to modify the quarantine from the entire bus.
- Anna asked if lunch is just one grade at a time or multiple. Neela noted that there are 7 lunch waves and each grade goes in. There is a specific seating plan. There is assigned seats by class and a good amount of spacing.

Next meeting 04/08/2021.

Closing Remarks

Rebecca Anderson

- Rebecca thanked everyone for coming.
- Motion to adjourn by Shana; seconded by Anna.

Adjourn: 7:58pm